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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace Paragraph 32 to read as follows:

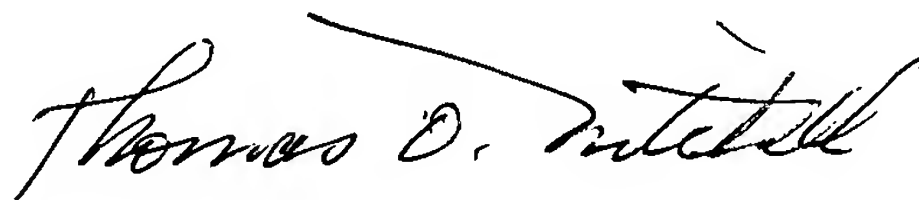
[0032] Example I. The results of foaming of a VDA fluid system were determined. An aqueous VDA fluid system was made according to U. S. Patent Application No. 2002/0132754 ~~16,667,280~~, containing HCl, and BET-E-40, (a betaine surfactant available from Rhodia, Inc. Cranbury, New Jersey, U. S. A. that contains a erucic acid ester group

(including a $C_{21}H_{41}$ tail group) and is 40% active ingredient, with the remainder substantially water, a small amount of sodium chloride, and isopropanol). The VDA system formulation was as follows:

15% (by volume) Hydrochloric Acid to contain per 1000 Liters (L)
6 L Corrosion Inhibitor
50 L BET-E-40
0.6 kg Iron Reducing Agent
5 L Iron Chelating Agent
2 L Non Emulsifier
10 L Methanol

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